GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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LAND REFORMS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether plight of landless rural people is deplorable;

(b) whether the Government propose to review the implementation of land reforms for proper redistribution of land among the landless and Dalits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government to improve the rural economy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL):

(a) to (c) Land and its management falls within the administrative jurisdiction of the respective State Governments as provided under Entry No.18, List-II (State List) of SeventhSchedule to the Constitution of India. The Central Government plays an advisory and coordinating role in the field. However, the implementation of land reforms programmes are being reviewed from time to time at various fora including Chief Ministers/Revenue / Ministers/RevenueSecretaries Conferences. As per information received from the State Governments, an area of53.94 lakh acres has been distributed to the rural landless poor which includes 50% of the area to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries. Besides, Bhoodan land to the extentof 21.75 lakh acres and 147.47 lakh acres of Government Wastelands have also been distributed to eligible rural poor beneficiaries.